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COOPER INITIATED INTO SIGMA RHO EPSILON

CHARLESTON -- Rex Cooper of Mattoon was recently initiated into Sigma Rho Epsilon special education honorary society and Kappa Delta Pi international honor society in education at Eastern Illinois University.

Sigma Rho Epsilon recognizes a student's scholarship, leadership and service. The inductees are special education majors who are selected by their peers. Members must maintain an overall grade point average of 3.0 and a 3.25 grade point average in their major for two or more semesters. They must also be committed to enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities through volunteer work and to becoming conscientious, committed special educators.

Kappa Delta Pi was organized to recognize excellence in education. An individual becomes a member of the society by invitation from a local chapter whose members have approved the candidacy. Such an invitation is based on high academic achievement, a commitment to education as a career and a professional attitude which assures the member's steady growth in the field of education.

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COOPER

Cooper and his wife, Rebecca, have two children, Jody and Jamie. He is the son of Carl and Helen Cooper of Charleston.